

STATISTICS

OF

THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND

FOR THE YEAR

1955-56.

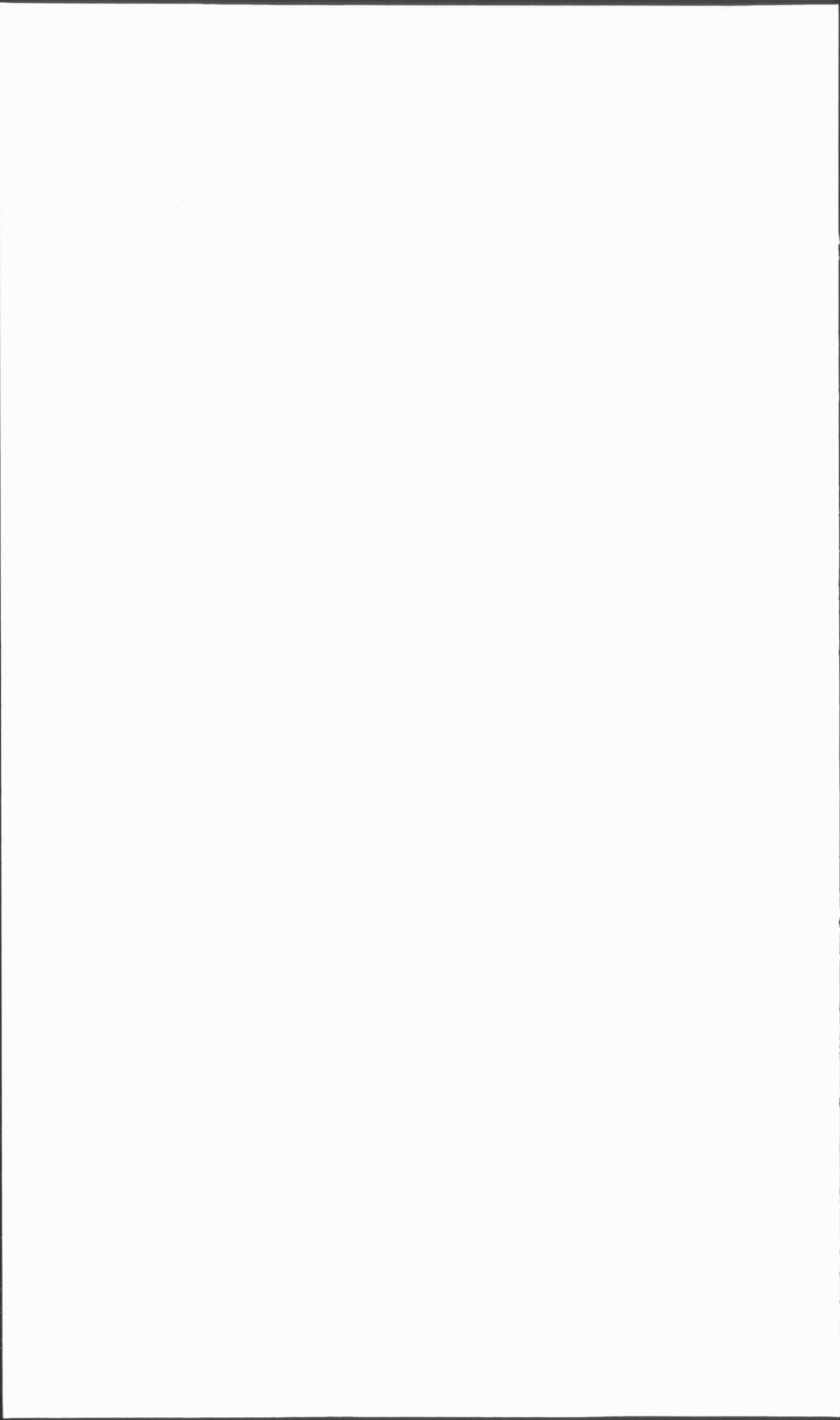
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1. LAW.

Table No. 1.

TITLES OFFICE.—OPERATIONS UNDER THE REAL PROPERTY ACTS, 1861 TO 1952 *a*, YEAR 1955–56.

Nature of Transaction.	Instruments Lodged.				Deeds of Grant or Certificates of Title Affected.			
	Southern Division.	Central Division.	Northern Division.	Total.	Southern Division.	Central Division.	Northern Division.	Total.
Applications to bring Land under the Act	No. 9	No. 9	No. 9	No. 9	No. 33,190	No. 2,289	No. 6,171	No. 41,650
Transfers	27,821	1,838	4,782	34,441	20,555	1,347	4,167	26,265
Mortgages	16,687	1,055	2,813	20,551	17,757	1,123	3,144	22,024
Releases of Mortgage	14,234	837	2,325	17,396	578	49	202	829
Transfers of Mortgage	321	30	76	427	427	58	173	658
Nominations of Trustees	327	39	114	480	..	..	..	..
Powers of Attorney	138	14	52	204	51	2	3	56
Transmissions by Bankruptcy	24	2	2	28	..	..	..	..
Transmissions by Death	2,497	199	454	3,150	3,939	288	786	5,013
Caveats, Judgments, and Writs	113	5	6	124	155	40	12	207
Other Registered Dealings	8,780	677	1,868	11,325	11,460	923	2,648	15,031
Total	70,951	4,696	12,492	88,139	88,308	6,119	17,306	111,733
Total Consideration passing under Transfers	£ 52,079,815	2,364,047	8,390,847	62,834,709	..	..	..	..

a During 1955–56, 221,432 acres 2 roods 37 perches were brought under the Real Property Acts by alienation and 12 acres 0 roods 14 perches by application, making the total area of lands alienated under these Acts 24,825,636 acres 1 rood 28 perches at 30th June, 1956, compared with 1,635 acres 2 roods 37 perches alienated under the Registration of Deeds Act.

Table No. 2.

TITLES OFFICE.—TITLES ISSUED AND DEEDS OF GRANT REGISTERED, 1955–56.

Particulars.				
	Southern Division.	Central Division.	Northern Division.	Total.
Titles Issued—				
By Certificate	17,000	1,335	3,505	21,840
By Endorsement	18,837	2,026	4,445	25,308
Total	35,837	3,361	7,950	47,148
Deeds of Grant Registered	577	50	178	805

Table No. 3.

MORTGAGES AND RELEASES OF MORTGAGES UNDER THE REAL PROPERTY ACTS, 1861 TO 1952, YEAR 1955-56.

Consideration.	Mortgages Registered.								Releases of Mortgages.			
	Number.				Amount.				Total Sum Discharged.			
	Southern Division.	Central. Division.	Northern Division.	Total.	Southern Division.	Central. Division.	Northern Division.	Total.	Southern Division.	Central. Division.	Northern Division.	Total.
£100 and under	509	39	89	637	£ 37,591	£ 2,880	£ 5,927	£ 46,398	£ 28,953	£	£	£
Over £100 to £250	1,110	89	114	1,313	211,357	16,598	22,264	250,219	210,250			
Over £250 to £500	1,957	148	279	2,384	779,210	61,444	110,821	951,475	799,499			
Over £500 to £1,000	2,889	197	446	3,532	2,305,814	156,239	341,493	2,803,546	1,926,671	1,037,422	2,926,318	17,182,625
Over £1,000 to £5,000	6,623	363	1,160	8,146	12,785,310	690,798	2,289,711	15,765,819	7,251,331			
Over £5,000	411	34	183	628	6,085,381	539,338	1,652,277	8,276,996	3,002,181			
Collateral, Re-entries or No Amounts Stated, &c.	3,188	185	542	3,915	..	..	..	..	..
Total	16,687	1,055	2,813	20,555	122,204,663	1,467,297	4,422,493	28,094,453	13,218,885	1,037,422	2,926,318	17,182,625

LAW.

Table No. 4.

AVERAGE RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON MORTGAGES.

Particulars.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.
On Mortgages lodged under—	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Real Property Acts Old System	4.09 n	3.76 4.75	4.21 5.00	4.10 3.75	4.10 n	4.01 n	4.35 n	4.59 n	4.74 n	5.22 n

n Not available.

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Table No. 5.

LAND TITLES TRANSACTIONS—SUMMARY.

Description of Business.	1862 to 1870. <i>a</i>	1871 to 1880. <i>a</i>	1881 to 1890. <i>a</i>	1891 to 1900. <i>a</i>	1901 to 1910. <i>a</i>	1911 to 1920. <i>a</i>	1921 to 1930-31. <i>a</i>	1931-32 to 1940-41. <i>a</i>	1941-42 to 1947-48. <i>a</i>	1948-49.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.	STATISTICS OF QUEENSLAND, 1955-56.
<i>Under Real Property Acts.</i>																		
Applications to bring Land under provisions of the Act	345	201	184	94	113	64	40	12	7	6	7	6	9	19	7	10	9	
Transfers	1,982	2,854	9,722	6,898	9,090	16,590	16,914	15,527	22,918	36,435	41,862	44,735	37,581	35,728	38,530	36,504	34,441	
Mortgages	426	790	3,992	3,434	4,540	7,388	9,813	10,538	11,486	20,999	24,863	29,087	25,631	25,128	29,857	24,022	20,555	
Releases of Mortgage	243	352	2,060	2,474	3,390	5,433	7,443	8,363	11,740	16,265	20,542	20,195	18,304	18,725	22,682	19,379	17,396	
Transfers of Mortgage	46	148	273	165	162	293	319	208	128	140	162	159	307	405	383	427		
Nominations of Trustees	37	65	150	120	136	179	192	210	191	337	389	719	997	719	637	554	480	
Powers of Attorney	24	81	149	175	171	197	191	144	179	153	159	176	223	179	205	219	204	
Transmissions by Bankruptcy	23	40	51	116	37	15	15	8	9	1	3	7	3	8	14	24	28	
Transmissions by Death	99	333	467	740	1,119	1,555	1,954	2,480	2,841	2,922	2,825	2,883	2,963	2,865	3,198	3,150		
Caveats, Judgments, Writs	48	87	344	286	223	203	208	142	61	120	103	131	137	159	145	130	124	
Other Registered Dealings	84	193	862	1,324	1,836	3,108	5,979	6,117	6,389	8,558	10,932	11,505	11,864	12,305	12,652	12,579	11,325	
Total Dealings Lodged	3,212	4,808	17,995	15,661	20,441	34,458	42,643	43,334	55,668	85,843	101,922	109,548	97,791	96,240	107,999	97,002	88,139	
Total Number of Distinct Deeds of Grant or Certificates of Title operated on in the above dealings lodged	4,392	7,532	26,426	27,146	32,859	49,642	59,608	61,937	75,667	113,282	130,840	140,226	123,760	125,319	143,954	125,398	111,733	
Number of Certificates of Title Issued	2,628	3,293	7,263	3,949	4,324	8,453	9,973	9,125	10,432	14,632	19,516	19,103	26,689	29,161	23,632	22,226	21,840	
Number of Titles Issued by Endorsement	..	1,921	5,804	7,014	9,067	14,295	13,553	11,681	19,620	26,347	30,028	33,102	27,844	26,156	27,659	26,605	25,308	
Total New Titles Prepared from Transfers	2,628	5,214	13,067	10,963	13,391	22,748	23,526	20,806	30,052	40,979	49,544	52,205	54,533	55,317	51,291	48,831	47,148	
Number of Deeds of Grant Registered	2,150	2,012	3,702	1,779	1,561	1,363	1,180	1,432	1,015	633	640	1,032	980	1,125	748	843	805	
<i>Under Registration of Deeds Act, 1843.</i>																		
Conveyances	423	260	171	73	67	32	15	12	11	9	17	16	16	11	20	24	8	
Mortgages	197	83	66	37	18	5	2	7	7	5	5	3	1	9	12	7		
Releases of Mortgage	89	63	57	23	16	6	3	2	3	6	1	2	3	1	8	3	2	
Other Registered Dealings	113	83	61	40	32	17	13	9	12	48	54	48	66	65	101	84	32	
Total Transactions	822	489	355	173	133	60	33	30	33	70	77	71	88	78	138	123	49	

a Annual average. The year of record was changed from that ended December to that ended June as from 1924-25.

Table No. 6.

LIENS, MORTGAGES AND BILLS OF SALE REGISTERED AND RELEASED IN THE SUPREME COURTS OF THE STATE DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1956. *a*

Jurisdiction.	Instruments Registered.			Instruments Released.		
	Number for which Amount Stated.	Amount.	Number for which No Amount Stated.	Number for which Amount Stated.	Amount.	Number for which No Amount Stated.
Southern	4,797	£ 3,620,774	1,045	1,121	£ 1,328,383	753
Central	125	185,413	160	37	59,884	160
Northern	707	1,574,944	328	164	245,792	182
Total	5,629	5,381,131	1,533	1,322	1,634,059	1,095

a Under *The Bills of Sale and Other Instruments Act of 1955*, Liens (excepting those on Sugar Crops), Mortgages and Bills of Sale, are entered on the one register. Previously these particulars were registered separately, and separate tables could be prepared.

Table No. 7.

LIENS ON SUGAR CROPS REGISTERED IN THE SUPREME COURTS OF THE STATE DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1956. *a*

Jurisdiction.	Number for which Amount Stated.	Amount.	Number for which No Amount Stated.
Southern	66	£ 17,358	144
Central ... ... ... ... ...	...	...	4
Northern	978	4,129,422	1,718
Total	1,044	4,146,780	1,866

a The figures in this table include liens on crops of sugar cane for £50 or more or for unlimited amounts. Liens on sugar cane for less than £50 are registered in Petty Sessions Offices and are not included. *The Liens on Crops of Sugar Cane Act, 1931*, began to operate on 11th January, 1932.

Table No. 8.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES REGISTERED AND RELEASED IN THE SUPREME COURTS OF THE STATE DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1956.

Jurisdiction.	Government Securities Registered.		Government Securities Released.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
Southern	1,466	£ 2,419,323	577	£ 970,631
Central ... ... ... ... ...	...	...	...	...
Northern ... ... ... ... ...	...	...	...	...
Total	1,466	£ 2,419,323	577	£ 970,631

Table No. 9.

MAGISTRATES' COURTS—CIVIL BUSINESS TRANSACTED, 1955-56.

Place.	Cases Heard.	Total Amount Claimed.	Verdicts for Plaintiffs.	Total Amount for which Judgment Given. a	Amount of Costs Awarded to Plaintiffs	Place.	Cases Heard.	Total Amount Claimed.	Verdicts for Plaintiffs.	Total Amount for which Judgment Given. a	Amount of Costs Awarded to Plaintiffs
Adavale	No.	£	No.	£	£	Einasleigh	No.	£	No.	£	£
Allora	15	413	5	236	11	Emerald	7	276	7	273	21
Alpha	13	413	4	127	2	Eromanga	..	..	..	..	..
Anakie	..	..	..	..	..	Esk	21	628	20	522	23
Aramac	2	223	2	223	4	Eton	2	902	2	899	3
Atherton	49	2,150	49	2,114	206	Eulo	2	248	..	..	..
Augathella	4	204	1	8	1	Finch Hatton	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr	93	6,194	91	5,639	364	Forsayth	..	..	..	..	..
Babinda	32	1,805	32	1,775	110	Gatton	19	1,557	18	1,502	119
Baralaba	4	324	4	324	13	Gayndah	18	903	17	869	61
Barcaldine	21	1,922	21	1,922	73	Georgetown	..	..	..	..	..
Beaudesert	17	908	16	829	48	Gin Gin	1	116	1	116	4
Bedourie	..	..	..	..	..	Giru	1	172	1	172	2
Beenleigh	24	1,409	24	1,409	65	Gladstone	20	904	16	717	12
Bell	..	..	..	..	..	Glenmorgan	8	547	8	527	20
Biggenden	6	154	6	154	33	Goombungee	..	..	..	..	..
Biloela	69	3,339	66	2,863	171	Goomeri	12	666	12	666	31
Birdsville	..	..	..	..	..	Goondiwindi	36	1,868	36	1,868	106
Blackall	8	517	8	517	20	Gordonvale	8	254	8	254	13
Blackbutt	..	..	..	..	..	Greenmount	..	..	..	..	..
Bollon	1	100	1	100	2	Gympie	50	2,880	50	2,719	212
Boonah	10	1,243	10	1,218	82	Halifax	4	139	4	139	7
Boulia	5	1,243	2	298	8	Harrisville	6	167	2	59	6
Bowen	35	2,710	32	1,963	140	Hebel	1	10	1	9	1
Brisbane	3,196	212,940	3,140	189,526	12,440	Helidon	9	1,018	4	922	8
Bundaberg	119	7,641	102	5,889	428	Herberton	26	1,756	3	344	6
Burketown	..	..	..	..	..	Home Hill	58	3,744	10	909	25
Caboolture	26	2,181	26	1,562	207	Howard	12	653	4	327	15
Cairns	207	15,293	207	15,289	726	Hughenden	50	3,266	23	1,444	65
Calen	..	..	..	..	..	Hungerford	..	..	..	..	..
Cambooya	..	..	..	..	..	Ilfracombe	..	..	..	..	..
Camooweal	18	2,198	17	1,880	18	Ingham	72	3,891	70	2,964	367
Canungra	10	376	10	359	17	Inglewood	7	427	7	407	20
Capella	..	..	..	..	..	Injune	1	60	..	..	..
Cardwell	1	24	1	24	3	Innisfail	226	16,528	222	14,474	687
Carmila	1	17	1	17	1	Ipswich	189	6,890	183	6,539	367
Cecil Plains	8	532	2	86	6	Isisford	8	520	2	388	..
Charleville	30	3,118	30	3,118	121	Jandowae	4	102	4	102	9
Charters Towers	36	3,830	36	3,830	146	Jericho	10	1,068	1	240	2
Childers	8	1,008	8	694	153	Jondaryan	1	58	1	58	3
Chillagoe	2	46	1	26	2	Julia Creek	8	534	7	454	19
Chinchilla	11	812	11	812	27	Jundah	..	..	..	..	..
Clermont	9	744	9	744	16	Kidston	..	..	..	..	..
Cleveland	82	4,462	13	836	70	Kileo	8	218	8	193	35
Clifton	6	746	4	196	39	Kilkivan	..	..	..	..	..
Cloncurry	13	368	13	368	20	Killarney	4	366	3	323	13
Coen	..	..	..	..	..	Kingaroy	24	1,749	23	1,420	151
Collinsville	9	269	9	269	14	Kumbia	..	..	..	..	..
Cooktown	3	153	3	153	8	Kynuna	..	..	..	..	..
Coolangatta	53	4,009	53	3,879	116	Laidley	19	1,152	19	1,152	43
Cooyar	15	1,186	3	281	4	Landsborough	41	3,003	37	2,528	227
Cracow	1	100	1	100	3	Longreach	83	9,276	17	1,701	135
Crow's Nest	23	924	10	469	18	Lowood	2	146	2	146	20
Croydon	..	..	..	..	..	Mackay	387	13,245	383	12,628	832
Cunnamulla	36	4,326	36	4,326	116	Mackinlay	..	..	..	..	..
Dajarra	1	18	1	18	1	Malanda	5	827	4	668	12
Dalby	135	5,786	135	5,670	481	Many Peaks	4	140	4	140	..
Dirranbandi	10	437	10	437	18	Marburg	4	451	4	451	76
Duarina	7	485	5	342	9	Mareeba	79	6,027	47	3,399	184
Eidsvold	16	543	1	16	2	Marian	..	..	..	..	..

a Excluding costs.

Table No. 9—*continued.*

MAGISTRATES' COURTS—CIVIL BUSINESS TRANSACTED, 1955–56.

Place.	Cases Heard.	Total Amount Claimed.	Verdicts for Plaintiffs.	Total Amount for which Judgment Given. a	Amount of Costs Awarded to Plaintiffs	Place.	Cases Heard.	Total Amount Claimed.	Verdicts for Plaintiffs.	Total Amount for which Judgment Given. a	Amount of Costs Awarded to Plaintiffs
Maryborough ..	No. 211	£ 12,850	No. 194	£ 6,892	£ 556	Rosewood ..	No. 8	£ 94	No. 8	£ 79	£ 11
Meringandan ..						St. George ..	18	1,516	17	1,500	35
Miles ..	25	1,166	25	1,166	51	St. Lawrence ..	2	148	2	146	2
Millaa Millaa ..	8	404	8	379	20	Sarina ..	30	400	30	400	38
Millmerran ..	10	367	10	362	6						
Mirani ..	1	73	1	53	3	Scarness ..					
Miriam Vale ..						Silkwood ..					
Mitchell ..	27	1,520	27	1,520	56	Southport ..	231	16,909	220	12,559	991
Monto ..	22	1,103	22	1,047	62	Springsure ..	6	584	5	381	11
Morven ..	7	340	7	340	9	Stanthorpe ..	31	2,343	31	2,343	98
Mossman ..	14	1,231	12	966	74	Stonehenge ..					
Mount Coolon ..						Surat ..	5	581	5	581	11
Mount Garnet ..	9	160	9	160	13	Talwood ..	4	393	3	113	4
Mount Isa ..	48	5,682	48	5,243	148	Tambo ..					
Mount Larcom ..	7	604	2	90	3	Tara ..	18	1,499	6	236	14
Mount Molloy ..	3	82	3	82	6	Taroom ..					
Mount Morgan ..	9	349	9	349	21	Texas ..	28	2,148	6	967	10
Mount Mulligan ..	1	13	1	13	2	Thallon ..	2	56	..	..	..
Mount Perry ..						Thargomindah ..					
Mundubbera ..	20	657	20	657	45	Theodore ..	6	288	6	209	25
Mungindi ..	1	173	1	173	3	Thursday Is. ..	5	145	5	145	8
Murgon ..	17	1,434	16	1,389	39	Tiaro ..	26	905	26	905	56
Muttaaburra ..	10	912	2	262	4	Toogoolawah ..	29	1,872	9	495	23
Nambour ..	106	7,798	95	6,976	409	Toowoomba ..	352	20,120	352	16,172	1,127
Nanango ..	11	336	9	269	44	Torrens Creek ..					
Nebo ..						Townsville ..	232	11,442	227	11,431	868
Nocundra ..						Tully ..	34	3,145	34	2,784	119
Normanton ..						Urandangie ..					
Dakey ..	22	1,711	21	1,251	148	Walkerston ..					
Pentland ..						Wallumbilla ..	2	87	2	87	2
Peranga ..	1	47	1	47	2	Wandoan ..					
Petrie ..	12	865	12	865	24	Warwick ..	67	4,314	67	4,166	446
Pittsworth ..	13	1,385	13	1,289	91	Windorah ..					
Pomona ..	12	1,315	11	990	72	Winton ..	14	1,985	13	1,704	46
Port Douglas ..	2	105	2	75	3	Wondai ..	14	576	14	533	44
Prairie ..						Woodford ..					
Rosserpine ..	21	876	20	777	37	Wowan ..					
Proston ..	7	790	7	771	19	Wyandra ..	2	376	2	376	3
Quilpie ..	5	720	5	720	49	Wynnum ..	5	333	5	325	8
Ravenshoe ..	10	972	10	972	27	Yaraka ..	80	5,669	80	5,084	347
Ravenswood ..						Yarraman ..	15	654	15	654	28
Tedcliffe ..	70	5,047	67	4,736	277	Yelarbon ..					
Richmond ..	8	1,166	8	1,166	27	Yepoon ..	3	138	3	138	7
Tockhampton ..	404	19,284	183	1,789	591	Yuleba ..	6	362	4	187	8
Tolleston ..						Yungaburra ..	5	268	5	268	16
Toma ..						Total ..	8,540	543,475	7,699	439,839	27,957

a Excluding costs.

Table No. 10.

SUPREME COURTS, CIVIL BUSINESS TRANSACTED, 1955-56.

Particulars.	Brisbane Supreme Court.	Rockhampton Supreme Court.	Townsville Supreme Court.	Circuit Courts. e	All Supreme Courts.
Causes and Matters Commenced a—					
By Writ of Summons (other than Matrimonial Matters) . . .	No. 740	46	201	126	1,113
By Petition (Matrimonial Actions) . . .	No. 664	68	141	..	873
By Petition (other than Matrimonial Actions) . . .	No. 23	3	2	..	28
By Motion . . .	No. 34	..	3	6	43
By Originating Summons . . .	No. 305	18	139	2	464
By Order to Show Cause . . .	No. 33	..	18	..	51
Judgments and Orders Filed . . .	No. 4,603	398	1,023	71	6,095
Total Amounts for which Judgments Signed on Money Claims and Claims for Damages (excluding Costs) . . .	£ 225,368	3,496	68,714	76,551	374,129
Testamentary—					
Probates—					
Grants . . .	No. 1,346	106	249	..	1,701
Sworn under Realty . . .	£ 3,601,486	154,560	618,482	..	4,374,508
Sworn under Personality . . .	£ 10,796,766	983,822	1,561,726	..	13,342,314
Letters of Administration b—					
Grants . . .	No. 221	20	38	..	279
Sworn under Realty . . .	£ 352,414	18,656	31,708	..	402,778
Sworn under Personality . . .	£ 548,734	38,546	119,224	..	706,504
Sealing of Grants of Probates Made Elsewhere—					
Grants . . .	No. 94	1	4	..	99
Sworn under Realty c . . .	£ 15,328	..	..	..	15,328
Sworn under Personality c . . .	£ 348,026	1,028	35,429	..	384,483
Sealing of Grants of Letters of Administration Made Elsewhere—					
Grants . . .	No. 9	..	..	..	9
Sworn under Realty c . . .	£ 37,353	..	..	..	37,353
Sworn under Personality c . . .	£ 10,468	..	..	..	10,468
Full Court d—					
Days . . .	No. 58	..	..	..	58
Sittings . . .	No. 11	..	..	..	11
Matters Heard and Determined—					
Criminal Appeals . . .	No. 25	..	..	..	25
Appeals from Judges of Supreme Court . . .	No. 21	..	..	..	21
Appeals from Justices . . .	No. ..	..	..	..	..
Habeas Corpus . . .	No. ..	..	..	..	..
Certiorari Mandamus, Prohibition and Quo Warranto . . .	No. ..	..	..	..	..
Other Matters . . .	No. 71	..	..	..	71
Days Occupied in Trials—					
By Jury . . .	No. 16	6	7	4	33
By Judge . . .	No. 502	65	116	55	738

a Including matrimonial matters, but excluding bankruptcy and testamentary matters.

b Excluding Orders of Administration to Public Curator.

c Value in Queensland.

d Full Court matters are dealt with in Brisbane only.

e Circuit Courts are held at Bundaberg, Charleville, Cunnamulla, Dalby, Goondiwindi, Gympie, Ipswich, Kingaroy, Maryborough, Roma, Stanthorpe, Toowoomba, Warwick, Blackall, Clermont, Gladstone, Longreach, Winton, Bowen, Cairns, Charters Towers, Cloncurry, Hughenden, and Mackay.

Table No. 11.

SUPREME AND CIRCUIT COURTS, ACTIONS *a* DEALT WITH, 1955-56.

Particulars.	Brisbane Supreme Court.	Rockhampton Supreme Court.	Townsville Supreme Court.	Circuit Courts. <i>b</i>	All Supreme Courts.
Actions Tried—					
With Jury No.	4	2	1	2	9
Without Jury No.	619	48	77	22	766
Verdicts or Judgments—					
For Plaintiffs No.	611	50	75	18	754
Amount—					
With Jury £	1,203	2,087	..	2,413	5,703
Without Jury £	148,911	..	20,129	46,449	215,489
For Defendants No.	12	..	3	6	21
Amount £	801	..	..	26	827
Judgments by Default of Appearance (Order XV.) No.	81	2	38	15	136
Amount £	67,032	5	42,288	21,589	130,914
Judgments Signed under Order or Registrar or Judge in Chambers (Order XVIII.) No.	8	1	4	5	18
Amount £	7,421	1,404	6,297	6,074	21,196
Cases Settled Out of Court No.	6	1	..	15	22
Cases Referred to Arbitration No.	3	..	..	2	5
Cases Remitted to Other Courts No.	..	..	..	18	18
Cases Withdrawn or Discontinued No.	194	8	13	16	231
Cases Struck Out No.	37	1	4	13	55
Bills of Costs Taxed No.	415	8	66	..	489

a Actions commenced by Writs of Summons or Matrimonial Petitions.*b* Actions were dealt with during the year only by Circuit Court at Bundaberg, Cairns, Charleville, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Roma, and Toowoomba.

Table No. 12.

SUPREME COURTS, MATRIMONIAL CAUSES *a*, 1955.

Division.	Causes Tried. <i>b</i>	Nature of Petition.			Result of Trial.			
		Dissolution of Marriage. <i>c</i>	Nullity of Marriage. <i>c</i>	Judicial Separation. <i>c</i>	Petition Dismissed. <i>d</i>	Decree Absolute for Dissolution of Marriage. <i>d</i>	Decree for Nullity of Marriage. <i>d</i>	Decree for Judicial Separation. <i>d</i>
Southern	630	628	2	..	2	626	2	..
Central	76	76	..	..	..	76	..	..
Northern	101	101	..	..	2	99	..	..
Total	807	805	2	..	4	801	2	..

a Included in table of general business, Table No. 10. For particulars of grounds; durations, children, and religious denominations of dissolved marriages; and ages of parties, see Part A, Population and Vital.*b* Excluding petitions withdrawn.*c* Included in number of causes and matters commenced in the Supreme Court (exclusive of Bankruptcy).*d* Included in number of Judgments and Orders filed.

Table No. 13.

SEQUESTRATIONS, &c., UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1924 TO 1933, YEAR 1955-56.

Court.	Sequestrations.				Compositions and Schemes of Arrangements. <i>a</i>			Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement and Deeds of Assignment. <i>b</i>			Deeds of Arrangement. <i>c</i>		
	Number.		Liabilities. <i>g</i>	Assets. <i>g</i>	Number.	Liabilities. <i>g</i>	Assets. <i>g</i>	Number.	Liabilities. <i>g</i>	Assets. <i>g</i>	Number.	Liabilities. <i>g</i>	Assets. <i>g</i>
	<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>f</i>	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Southern	15	83	98	88,367	28,838	..	..	1	2,789	634	27	128,843	92,568
Central .. . .	..	1	1	5,506	2,455	..	..	..	..	..	1	5,456	9,509
Northern	7	27	34	44,016	45,368	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	22	111	133	137,889	76,661	..	..	1	2,789	634	28	134,299	102,077

a Part IV. (Division 5) of the Act: After sequestration.*c* Part XII. of the Act: Without sequestration.*d* On debtors' petitions.*b* Part XI. of the Act: Without sequestration.*e* On creditors' petitions.*f* Total sequestrations.*g* As estimated by debtors.

Table No. 14.

ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS, 1951-52 TO 1955-56.

Year.	Estates. a					Gross Estate.			Net Estate (after deducting Liabilities).	Duties Assessed.	
	Under £1,000.	£1,000 to £4,999.	£5,000 to £9,999.	£10,000 and Over.	Total.	Personal Property.	Real Property.	Total.		Probate.	Succession.
1951-52 ..	No. 2,088	No. 2,322	No. 423	No. 366	£ 5,199	£ 12,919,624	£ 6,940,150	£ 19,859,744	£ 18,532,296	£ 127,600	£ 1,489,317
1952-53 ..	2,088	2,500	470	441	5,499	14,830,704	8,027,012	22,857,716	21,202,446	141,028	1,830,127
1953-54 ..	2,121	2,592	485	447	5,645	14,409,135	8,316,984	22,726,119	21,068,860	133,829	1,711,120
1954-55 ..	2,503	2,918	587	505	6,313	15,962,727	9,636,043	25,598,770	23,589,543	145,319	1,865,378
1955-56 ..	1,934	2,899	546	567	5,946	17,914,357	10,705,245	28,619,602	26,447,353	170,941	2,338,747

a Dissected according to net value.

Table No. 15.

ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS ACCORDING TO OCCUPATION AND NET VALUE, 1955-56.

Net Value.	Rural, Fishing, and Hunting.	Professional and Semi- professional	Adminis- trative.	Commercial and Clerical.	Domestic and Protective Service.	Craftsmen.	Operatives.	Labourers.	Occupations Indefinite or Not Stated.	Persons Not Gainfully Employed.	All Estates.
										Males.	Females.
NUMBER OF ESTATES.											
Under £500 ..	74	24	13	48	23	53	32	53	28	217	391
£500 to £999 ..	78	20	21	76	18	64	50	46	39	188	378
£1,000 to £1,999 ..	104	28	30	122	36	106	87	61	58	253	572
£2,000 to £2,999 ..	79	27	18	86	17	69	43	25	23	79	290
£3,000 to £4,999 ..	125	23	35	94	17	81	38	16	12	32	213
£5,000 to £9,999 ..	170	17	45	76	5	32	12	2	15	13	159
£10,000 to £24,999 ..	169	17	32	44	4	17	2	4	4	8	91
£25,000 to £49,999 ..	47	8	13	21	..	5	2	..	..	2	19
£50,000 to £99,999 ..	24	..	6	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	7
£100,000 and Over ..	11	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Total	881	164	214	573	120	428	266	207	179	792	2,122
NET VALUE OF ESTATES.											
Under £500 ..	£ 20,380	£ 7,104	£ 4,623	£ 12,732	£ 6,033	£ 15,150	£ 8,930	£ 16,114	£ 7,895	£ 59,886	£ 110,778
£500 to £999 ..	57,960	15,385	15,131	57,538	13,085	46,685	37,253	33,967	30,206	142,890	281,106
£1,000 to £1,999 ..	151,774	40,459	47,850	175,331	54,092	157,327	128,987	84,975	82,456	359,769	825,098
£2,000 to £2,999 ..	199,440	68,329	44,632	210,340	41,525	168,513	106,379	59,125	54,900	189,016	705,821
£3,000 to £4,999 ..	493,332	85,279	144,592	363,027	64,943	321,493	148,726	62,308	47,848	121,921	821,001
£5,000 to £9,999 ..	1,209,171	121,091	318,569	518,766	31,723	219,154	80,820	12,241	99,154	88,207	1,119,878
£10,000 to £24,999 ..	2,529,167	294,554	553,971	621,022	57,851	247,665	32,025	41,863	46,139	108,509	1,390,831
£25,000 to £49,999 ..	1,580,188	280,897	484,797	712,873	..	170,132	73,465	..	..	62,998	607,852
£50,000 to £99,999 ..	1,548,497	..	441,559	316,753	..	50,832	..	..	..	..	427,666
£100,000 and Over ..	1,439,586	..	341,506	104,791	..	..	..	..	..	429,351	2,315,234
Total	9,229,495	913,098	2,397,230	3,093,173	269,252	1,396,951	616,585	310,593	368,598	1,133,196	6,719,182
Average Net Value	10,476	5,568	11,202	5,398	2,244	3,264	2,318	1,500	2,059	1,431	3,166

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Table No. 16.

ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS ACCORDING TO AGE, SEX, AND VALUE OF ESTATES, 1955-56.

Age of Deceased Person.	Males.			Females.		
	Number of Estates.	Value of Estates.		Number of Estates.	Value of Estates.	
		Gross.	Net (after deducting Liabilities).		Gross.	Net (after deducting Liabilities).
Under 15 Years ..	3	1,596	1,477	2	3,106	1,674
15 to 20 Years ..	31	23,105	19,731	6	6,088	5,762
21 to 29 Years ..	88	173,431	142,902	16	12,672	11,653
30 to 39 Years ..	136	347,058	281,968	48	58,609	47,116
40 to 49 Years ..	273	1,456,193	1,265,206	113	275,774	235,112
50 to 59 Years ..	588	3,297,194	2,859,265	222	958,389	899,151
60 to 69 Years ..	1,048	5,978,303	5,533,811	484	1,869,735	1,777,381
70 to 79 Years ..	956	5,500,197	5,179,999	662	2,306,485	2,211,804
80 to 89 Years ..	504	3,316,870	3,139,809	528	1,857,615	1,768,447
90 Years and Over ..	86	676,260	604,960	70	182,514	176,085
Age Unknown ..	39	260,770	229,764	43	57,643	54,276
Total	3,752	21,030,972	19,258,892	2,194	7,588,630	7,188,461

Table No. 17.

LIQUOR LICENSES IN FORCE AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1947 to 1956.

Type of License.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
Licensed Victuallers	1,273	1,263	1,254	1,246	1,239	1,238	1,234	1,220	1,212	1,207
L. V. Licenses per 1,000 population ..	1.15	1.12	1.08	1.04	1.01	0.98	0.96	0.93	0.90	0.88
Wine Sellers	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	29
Spirit Merchants	120	120	123	124	124	125	128	129	131	131
Registered Clubs <i>a</i>	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	42
Sporting Clubs <i>b</i>	177	200	225	238	246	259	277	296	305	314
Ex-Servicemen's Clubs <i>c</i> .. .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	39
Railway Refreshment Rooms <i>d</i> .. .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Packet <i>e</i>	7	7	9	12	12	11	10	9	8	8
Total Licenses	1,642	1,655	1,676	1,685	1,686	1,698	1,714	1,719	1,743	1,789

a "Registered" Clubs must supply meals.*b* Bowling and Golf Clubs, which, before the 1954 legislation, operated under permits to store liquor.*c* First licensed under the 1954 Amendment to the Liquor Acts.*d* Leased bars only. Before the 1954 Amending Legislation these did not require a license from the Licensing Commission. Bars operated directly by the Commissioner for Railways (28 in 1956) are not included.*e* Licenses granted to vessels operating in coastal waters.

2. POLICE.**Table No. 18.**

QUEENSLAND POLICE FORCE—STRENGTH *a* AND CLASSIFICATION AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1956, AND EXPENDITURE DURING 1955–56.

Classification.		General Police.	Detectives.	Plain Clothes Police.	Expenditure for Year Ended 30th June, 1956.
		No.	No.	No.	
Commissioner	.. .. .. ..	1	..	..
Deputy Commissioner	.. .. ..	1	..	..
Chief Inspector	.. .. .. ..	1	..	..
Inspectors	.. .. .. ..	25	..	..	On Maintenance (excluding pensions), £3,108,715.
Sub-Inspectors	.. .. .. ..	27	..	..
Senior Sergeants	.. .. .. ..	61	12	..	
Sergeants (1st Class)	.. .. .. ..	126	15	2	On Buildings, £88,309
Sergeants (2nd Class)	.. .. .. ..	299	38	1	
Senior Constables	.. .. .. ..	248	61	12	
Constables (1st Class)	.. .. .. ..	365	46	52	On Superannuation, £232,823.
Constables	.. .. .. ..	859	..	34	
Women Police	.. .. .. ..	7	..	..
Probationers	.. .. .. ..	24	..	..
Cadets	.. .. .. ..	105	..	..
Total	.. .. .. ..	2,149	172	101	
Native Trackers	.. .. .. ..	25	..	..

a Metropolitan and country police strengths were 1,170 and 1,277 respectively.

Table

SUPREME COURTS—CRIMINAL BUSINESS

Offence.	Southern Division																																								
	Brisbane.			Bundaberg.			Charleville.			Cunnamulla.			Dalby.			Goondiwindi.			Gympie.			Ipswich.			Kingaroy.			Maryborough.			Roma.			Stanthorpe.			Toowoomba.			Warwick.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.				
<i>I.—Offences against the Person.</i>																																									
Infanticide																																									
Concealment of birth																																									
Murder	2		1																																						
Attempted murder	3																																								
Manslaughter	10																																								
Rape (and attempted rape)	11																																								
Carnal knowledge	21																																								
Indecent assault																																									
Indecently dealing with females	4																																								
Incest	5		1																																						
Abduction		1																																							
Unnatural offences	15																																								
Abortion and attempts at																																									
Bigamy	2	1																																							
Attempted suicide																																									
Assault occasioning bodily or grievous bodily harm	40	2																																							
Assaulting police																																									
Assault, common	2																																								
Other offences against the person	1																																								
Total Class I.	117	4	1																																						
<i>II.—Offences against Property.</i>																																									
Burglary and housebreaking	30																																								
Breaking, entering, and stealing (other premises)	129	3	1		1																																				
Stealing from person with violence	17	1	1																																						
Other stealing from person																																									
Horse stealing																																									
Cattle stealing																																									
Sheep stealing																																									
Stealing by servants	10																																								
Stealing and illegally using motor vehicles	1																																								
Other stealing	21	1																																							
Unlawful possession of property	2	1																																							
Receiving	8	1																																							
Unlawfully using, killing, or wounding horses or cattle																																									
Unlawfully branding																																									
False pretences and imposition	3	1																																							
Arson																																									
Malicious damage																																									
Illegally on premises																																									
Forgery																																									
Other offences against property																																									
Total Class II.	228	8	2		1		2																																		
<i>III.—Offences against the Currency</i>																																									
<i>IV.—Offences against Good Order.</i>																																									
Drunkenness																																									
Drunkenness with disorderly conduct																																									
Obscene, threatening, or abusive language																																									
Vagrancy (including begging)																																									
Indecent, riotous, or offensive conduct																																									
Impersonating the police																																									
Consorting																																									
Escaping from custody																																									
Other offences against good order																																									
Total Class IV.																																									
V.—Offences not included in previous classes	8																																								
Total All Classes	353	12	3		1		2		3		6		7		10	1	1	11												3	4	4									

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INDICTMENTS AND INFORMATIONS, 1955-56.

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RESULTS OF TRIALS, 1955-56.

Table
INFERIOR COURTS—CASES DEALT WITH IN COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS

Offence.	Metropoli- tan. <i>a</i>		Cairns.		Charleville.		Cloncurry.		Ipswich.		Long- reach.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
<i>I. Offences against the Person.</i>												
Murder	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Attempted murder	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Manslaughter	14	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	1
Offences against females	48	..	9	..	..	..	..	6	..	2	..	..
Incest	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Abduction . . . . .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	..
Unnatural offences	13	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Abortion and attempts at	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bigamy	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Attempted suicide . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Assault occasioning bodily or grievous bodily harm	46	5	7	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	1
Assaulting police	10	..	5	..	9	..	..	1	..	1	..	..
Assault, common	177	18	48	1	8	..	..	25	1	6	..	6
Other offences against the person	22	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Class I.	345	29	76	1	18	..	..	41	2	15	..	11
<i>II. Offences against Property.</i>												
Burglary and housebreaking	34	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Breaking, entering, and stealing (other premises)	147	3	8	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stealing from person with violence	19	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	10	..	1	..
Other stealing from person . . . . .	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Horse, cattle, and sheep stealing . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stealing by servants	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stealing and illegally using motor vehicles	102	3	11	..	2	..	..	2	..	14	..	8
Other stealing	851	249	162	12	52	5	..	70	4	50	2	48
Unlawful possession of property	123	12	12	..	7	..	..	16	3	1	..	5
Receiving	34	2	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..
Unlawfully using, killing, or wounding horses or cattle . . . . .	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	7
Unlawfully branding . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
False pretences and imposition	187	25	30	3	8	..	..	16	..	9	..	5
Arson	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Malicious damage	84	..	14	2	1	1	..	21	1	8	..	5
Illegally on premises	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..
Forgery	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other offences against property . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Class II.	1,615	297	253	17	75	6	132	8	97	2	81	4
<i>III. Offences against the Currency.</i>												
<i>IV. Offences against Good Order.</i>												
Drunkenness	8,469	998	2,031	81	1,113	28	1,349	27	400	..	1,046	8
Obscene, threatening, or abusive language	202	33	64	6	30	2	54	4	18	2	32	2
Vagrancy (including begging)	349	73	31	..	7	..	33	10	10	..	8	..
Indecent, riotous, or offensive conduct	132	11	88	1	34	..	75	..	19	..	55	2
Impersonating the police	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Consorting . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Escaping from custody . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other offences against good order	110	5	22	1	15	..	27	1	7	..	15	..
Total Class IV.	9,265	1,120	2,236	89	1,199	30	1,538	42	454	2	1,156	12
<i>V. Other Offences.</i>												
Conspiracy	172	..	12	..	3	..	3	..	15	..	2	..
Breach of maintenance order . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Desertion of wives and children and affiliation	389	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	12	..	1	..
Neglected children . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gambling laws	105	9	34	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	2	..
Liquor laws	154	21	55	5	5	..	20	..	32	..	10	..
Factory and industrial laws	572	23	443	6	13	1	10	1	25	3	44	1
Revenue laws	109	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wireless laws	256	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..
Health laws	91	7	23	8	..	..	5	..	4	..	3	1
Under the influence of liquor in charge of a motor vehicle	388	1	52	..	14	..	9	..	35	..	23	..
Traffic and State Transport laws	5,782	43	680	19	136	6	242	8	426	6	47	1
Railway laws	31	7	7	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	1	..
Local Authorities by-laws	234	72	14	7	6	2	15	5	4	..	1	..
Other offences	545	66	206	15	14	1	21	..	22	3	5	..
Total Class V.	8,828	266	1,531	61	196	10	330	14	577	12	144	4
Total All Classes	20,053	1,712	4,096	168	1,488	46	2,041	66	1,143	16	1,392	20

a Including Brisbane, Fortitude Valley, and South Coast Districts.

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No. 21.

AND INDUSTRIAL MAGISTRATES' COURTS IN EACH POLICE DISTRICT, 1955-56.

Mackay.		Maryborough.		Rockhampton.		Roma.		Toowoomba.		Townsville.		Children's Courts.		Total Cases.		
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	7	..
..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	9	..
2	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	25	..
2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	83	..
..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..
..	3	..
..	25	..
..	2	..
..	5	..
..
2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
9	..	22	..	25	1	..	5	..	22	..	30	..	14	..	45	..
..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	4	..	..	..	397	..
..	35	..
..	1	..
19	..	34	..	34	1	..	8	..	39	..	60	..	18	..	718	37
..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	2
1	..	4	..	17	..	..	..	..	11	..	13	..	23	2	236	5
..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	1
..	5	..
..
..
8	..	13	..	1	10	..	8	..	1	11	..	1	16	..	18	..
54	..	124	..	5	84	11	29	1	136	..	8	160	..	229	..	
4	..	1	..	3	5	2	2	..	10	..	2	29	..	343	..	
4	..	1	..	1	7	1	..	..	3	..	4	..	..	41	..	
1	2,163	..
..	351	..
..	226	..
..	61	..
3	..	4	..	1	11	..	1	..	4	..	5	..	2	..	38	1
8	..	19	..	1	11	..	1	..	8	..	22	..	2	..	358	..
5	..	19	..	..	11	..	1	..	4	..	19	..	1	..	5	1
..	15	..	16	..	222	6
2	..	1	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	21	..
..	1	..	..	..	6	..
..	1	..	..	..	13	..
89	6	189	7	157	17	53	2	218	14	274	11	433	46	3,666	437	
..
574	9	1,084	13	1,088	51	739	11	1,419	20	2,109	76	5	..	21,426	1,322	
11	1	33	2	33	3	13	2	38	2	56	8	3	1	587	68	
10	1	19	1	20	5	11	..	36	1	55	5	..	..	589	96	
2	..	35	..	29	..	39	..	40	..	42	1	4	..	..	594	15
..	3	..
..
8	..	4	..	19	..	5	..	11	..	20	1	2	..	..	3	..
605	11	1,175	16	1,189	59	807	13	1,544	23	2,285	91	14	1	23,467	1,509	
..	268	..
..	..	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	442	..
..	..	6	..	10	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	..
..	189	11
57	1	151	3	82	1	28	..	62	2	105	4	4	1	765	38	
44	1	48	3	17	2	11	1	34	2	151	6	..	..	1,412	50	
..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	116	8
..	..	43	..	5	..	23	9	62	3	33	4	..	..	..	423	30
..	..	4	..	9	..	..	..	1	..	10	1	..	..	..	152	17
27	..	47	2	46	..	21	..	66	..	46	..	..	..	..	774	3
394	2	798	13	708	7	155	2	518	3	729	24	23	..	10,638	134	
3	..	1	..	4	1	..	..	1	..	8	..	1	..	..	61	8
..	..	4	..	17	3	2	..	5	..	10	1	..	..	..	314	95
27	1	75	..	42	1	16	..	52	5	89	8	..	1	1,122	104	
559	9	1,217	29	949	16	259	12	825	15	1,225	48	65	37	16,705	533	
1,272	26	2,615	52	2,329	93	1,127	27	2,626	52	3,844	154	530	84	44,556	2,516	

Table
INFERIOR COURTS—RESULTS OF TRIALS IN COURTS OF PETTY

Offence.	Total Cases.		How Dealt With.									
			Acquitted or Discharged.		Bail Estreated.		Summarily Convicted.		Committed for Sentence or Trial.			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
<i>I. Offences against the Person.</i>												
Murder	7	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..
Attempted murder	9	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..
Manslaughter	25	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	..
Offences against females	83	..	14	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	68	..
Infest	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..
Abduction	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
Unnatural offences	25	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	23	..
Abortion and attempts at	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	4
Bigamy	5	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2
Attempted suicide	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Assault occasioning bodily or grievous bodily harm	73	6	17	3	..	..	..	4	..	..	52	3
Assaulting police	45	..	1	..	18	..	..	26	..	..	..	..
Assault, common	397	23	35	7	4	1	355	15	..	..	3	..
Other offences against the person	35	1	9	..	..	..	21	1	..	..	5	..
Total Class I.	718	37	81	11	22	1	408	16	207	9		
<i>II. Offences against Property.</i>												
Burglary and housebreaking	42	2	7	..	..	1	1	..	34	1		
Breaking, entering, and stealing (other premises)	236	5	53	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	182	4
Stealing from person with violence	23	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	1
Other stealing from person	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..
Horse, cattle, and sheep stealing	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stealing by servants	18	..	2	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	9	..
Stealing and illegally using motor vehicles	229	5	10	..	..	..	..	214	5	5	..	..
Other stealing	2,163	351	116	9	3	2	1,992	328	52	..	2	
Unlawful possession of property	226	22	15	3	..	..	..	209	18	..	1	
Receiving	61	4	3	..	..	..	..	44	3	..	14	1
Unlawfully using, killing, or wounding horses or cattle	38	1	2	..	..	..	..	34	1	2	..	..
Unlawfully branding	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
False pretences and imposition	358	37	19	3	1	..	..	334	32	..	2	
Arson	5	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	
Malicious damage	222	6	8	..	..	..	..	214	..	..	..
Illegally on premises	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	..
Forgery	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	5	..
Other offences against property	13	..	2	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	1	
Total Class II.	3,666	437	243	17	4	3	3,083	405	336	12		
<i>III. Offences against the Currency</i>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>IV. Offences against Good Order.</i>												
Drunkenness	21,426	1,322	56	5	16,968	879	4,402	438	..	..
Obscene, threatening, or abusive language	587	68	10	6	409	41	168	21	..	..
Vagrancy (including begging)	589	96	14	4	6	1	569	91	..	..
Indecent, riotous, or offensive conduct	594	15	5	..	414	11	175	4	..	..
Impersonating the police	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..
Consorting	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Escaping from custody	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	
Other offences against good order	265	8	3	1	160	2	102	5	..	..
Total Class IV.	23,467	1,509	88	16	17,957	934	5,420	559	2	..		
<i>V. Other Offences.</i>												
Conspiracy	268	..	23	..	..	..	..	245	..	..	..	..
Breach of maintenance order	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Desertion of wives and children and affiliation	442	..	39	..	..	..	..	403	..	..
Neglected children	29	35	6	4	..	..	..	23	31	..	..
Gambling laws	189	11	6	..	83	..	..	100	11	..	..
Liquor laws	765	38	9	..	1	..	..	755	38	..	..
Factory and industrial laws	1,412	50	60	3	1	..	..	1,351	47	..		
Revenue laws	116	8	..	..	..	..	..	116	8	..		
Wireless laws	423	30	..	..	..	..	..	423	30	..		
Health laws	152	17	1	..	..	..	..	151	17	..		
Under the influence of liquor in charge of a motor vehicle	774	3	33	..	2	..	..	739	3	..	..
Traffic and State Transport laws	10,638	134	84	2	24	..	..	10,530	132	..		
Railway laws	61	8	5	..	..	..	..	56	8	..		
Local Authorities by-laws	314	95	5	3	..	..	..	309	92	..		
Other offences	1,122	104	38	12	7	..	..	1,072	91	5	1	
Total Class V.	16,705	533	309	24	118	..	..	16,273	508	5	1	
Total All Classes	44,556	2,516	721	68	18,101	938	25,184	1,488	550	22		

a 4,354 males and 509 females were convicted

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but not punished. They are included in columns for "Summarily Convicted".)

Table
INFERIOR COURTS—AGES OF PERSONS BROUGHT BEFORE COURTS

Offence.	All Cases.																	
	Under 20.		20-29.		30-39.		40-49.		50-59.		60-69.		70 and Over		Not Stated.			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
<i>I. Offences against the Person.</i>																		
Murder	1	..	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Attempted murder	1	..	1	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Manslaughter	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	..
Offences against females	7	..	18	..	10	..	10	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	..
Incest	..	..	..	..	3	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Abduction	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Unnatural offences	1	..	4	..	7	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..
Abortion and attempts at	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bigamy	..	..	4	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Attempted suicide	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Assault occasioning bodily or grievous bodily harm	3	..	15	1	14	2	7	..	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	30	2
Assaulting police	3	..	22	..	14	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Assault, common	21	..	69	1	48	3	29	1	19	..	5	1	4	..	..	202	17
Other offences against the person	1	..	1	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	1
Total Class I.	38	..	139	4	112	6	62	4	39	1	8	2	4	..	..	316	20
<i>II. Offences against Property.</i>																		
Burglary and housebreaking	9	..	13	..	9	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..
Breaking, entering, and stealing (other premises)	106	4	77	1	29	..	12	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	9	..
Stealing from person with violence	5	..	11	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1
Other stealing	..	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Horse, cattle, and sheep stealing	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stealing by servants	..	..	6	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..
Stealing and illegally using motor vehicles	86	1	67	2	17	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	55	2
Other stealing	722	99	646	74	382	61	184	52	122	41	28	13	8	1	..	71	10	
Unlawful possession of property	36	..	55	7	46	4	21	1	30	4	9	..	..	..	..	29	6
Receiving	19	3	18	..	13	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..
Unlawfully using, killing, or wounding horses or cattle	2	..	11	..	4	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	1
Unlawfully branding	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
False pretences and imposition	43	9	154	11	78	8	38	1	7	4	4	..	..	..	..	34	4
Arson	1	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Malicious damage	40	..	82	3	53	2	17	..	9	1	3	..	..	..	..	18	..
Illegally on premises	1	..	7	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..
Forgery	2	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Other offences against property	3	..	6	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Class II.	1,075	116	1,158	98	646	79	296	54	171	50	46	13	9	1	..	265	26	
<i>III. Offences against the Currency</i>																		
<i>IV. Offences against Good Order.</i>																		
Drunkenness	297	10	3,527	143	5,115	343	4,884	296	3,725	302	2,078	173	643	47	1,157	8		
Obscene, threatening, or abusive language	33	2	193	16	139	18	98	13	53	4	24	4	1	..	..	46	11
Vagrancy (including begging)	25	17	82	30	91	23	128	13	156	5	71	3	4	3	..	32	2	
Indecent, riotous, or offensive conduct	47	..	276	3	108	6	66	4	28	1	15	..	3	..	..	51	1
Impersonating the police	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Consorting	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Escaping from custody	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other offences against good order	12	..	106	3	88	1	38	3	12	1	2	..	..	..	..	7	..
Total Class IV.	416	29	4,186	195	5,542	391	5,214	329	3,975	313	2,190	180	651	50	..	1,293	22	
<i>V. Other Offences.</i>																		
Conspiracy	2	..	1	..	3	262	..
Breach of maintenance order
Desertion of wives and children and affiliation	29	35	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	438	..
Neglected children	..	..	..	..	38	1	37	4	53	3	30	..	10	..	..	21	3
Gambling laws	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Liquor laws	18	1	22	..	10	..	7	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	704	37
Factory and industrial laws	..	..	36	..	33	1	10	..	7	..	1	..	1	..	..	1,267	48
Revenue laws	..	..	..	..	3	1	4	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	116	8
Wireless laws	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	410	27
Health laws	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	138	17
Under the influence of liquor in charge of a motor vehicle	18	..	200	..	224	1	191	2	82	..	22	..	5	..	..	32	..
Traffic and State Transport laws	72	..	218	4	123	3	80	3	34	..	10	..	..	..	..	10,089	124
Railway laws	7	..	8	1	6	..	4	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	5
Local Authorities by-laws	..	..	..	..	4	..	4	2	2	..	..	3	2	..	..	293	90
Other offences	46	1	128	4	39	4	22	2	15	..	3	..	..	..	..	856	93
Total Class V.	190	37	662	11	485	16	378	14	183	1	50	2	7	..	..	14,657	452
Total All Classes	1,719	182	6,145	308	6,785	492	5,950	401	4,368	365	2,294	197	671	51	..	16,531	520	

a The figures in this table are exclusive of 93 companies which

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OF PETTY SESSIONS AND INDUSTRIAL MAGISTRATES' COURTS, 1955-56.

		Juveniles (included in foregoing).																			
Total. a		Under 10.		10.		11.		12.		13.		14.		15.		16.		17.		Total Under 18 Years.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
83	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..
73	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
45	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
397	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
35	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
718	37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	7	..	6	..	3	..	21	..
42	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
236	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	5	..	12	2	35	..
23	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	58
..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
229	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2,163	351	12	..	..	15	1	26	1	30	2	44	1	60	7	11	70	12	12	17	132	22
226	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1	2	..	2	8	475	63
61	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	3	1	2	8	3
38	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2
358	37	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	..	2	7	..	16
5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	6	..	..	4	..
222	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3,666	437	12	..	17	1	29	1	32	2	46	1	78	7	100	12	119	22	209	24	642	70
..
21,426	1,322	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	2	..	48	2
587	68	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	6	..	9
589	96	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	6	..	8	6
594	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	12	..
3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2
23,467	1,509	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	9	1	74	8
268	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
442	35	9	6	4	3	4	2	3	..	3	2	2	8	3	3	1	11	..	..	29	35
189	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
765	38	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	5	..	9
1,355	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
116	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
423	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
146	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
774	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10,626	134	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	6	..	15	..	3	..	26	..
60	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2
310	95	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1,109	104	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	5	1	12
16,612	533	9	6	4	3	4	2	3	..	3	2	4	8	12	3	26	13	22	..	87	37
44,463a	2,516	21	6	21	4	33	3	35	2	51	3	86	15	123	15	160	36	308	32	838	116

have been included amongst male defendants in other tables.

Table No. 24.

INFERIOR COURTS—BUSINESS OF COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS AND INDUSTRIAL MAGISTRATES' COURTS.

Particulars.	1951-52.		1952-53.		1953-54.		1954-55.		1955-56.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
<i>All Offences—</i>										
Number of Cases	47,205	2,644	42,659	2,209	43,754	2,728	46,524	2,848	44,556	2,516
Acquitted or Discharged	2,863	116	2,918	79	3,015	268	2,471	177	721	68
Bail Estreated	24,744	1,394	18,554	983	16,813	810	19,393	962	18,101	938
Summarily Convicted	19,180	1,118	20,604	1,125	23,344	1,623	24,192	1,695	25,184	1,488
Committed for Trial or Sentence	418	16	583	22	582	27	468	14	550	22
<i>Offences against the Person—</i>										
Number of Cases	671	41	752	30	866	49	864	42	718	37
Acquitted or Discharged	130	18	148	8	168	21	171	19	81	11
Bail Estreated	29	30	29	29	29	26	1	22	1	1
Summarily Convicted	360	10	361	11	433	17	451	17	408	16
Committed for Trial or Sentence	152	13	213	11	236	11	216	5	207	9
<i>Offences against Property—</i>										
Number of Cases	2,815	273	2,859	230	3,050	283	3,226	334	3,666	437
Acquitted or Discharged	181	8	192	10	223	11	243	12	243	17
Bail Estreated	77	32	18	9	13	12	4	4	3	3
Summarily Convicted	2,302	231	2,286	201	2,475	259	2,726	313	3,083	405
Committed for Trial or Sentence	255	2	363	10	339	13	245	9	336	12
<i>Drunkenness—</i>										
Number of Cases	26,461	1,715	21,535	1,459	19,978	1,270	22,540	1,446	21,426	1,322
Acquitted or Discharged	27	5	57	5	56	2	37	2	56	5
Bail Estreated	22,864	1,307	16,981	919	15,135	746	17,938	887	16,968	879
Summarily Convicted	3,570	403	4,497	535	4,787	531	4,565	557	4,402	438
<i>Other Offences against Good Order—</i>										
Number of Cases	1,958	98	1,941	105	2,051	153	2,238	206	2,041	187
Acquitted or Discharged	35	6	50	7	33	10	40	9	32	11
Bail Estreated	1,320	52	1,136	54	1,239	62	1,272	68	989	55
Summarily Convicted	601	40	753	44	778	81	924	129	1,018	121
Committed for Trial or Sentence	2	..	2	..	1	..	2	..	2	..
<i>Other Offences—</i>										
Number of Cases	15,200	517	15,572	385	17,809	964	17,656	820	16,705	533
Acquitted or Discharged	2,490	79	2,471	49	2,535	224	1,980	135	309	24
Bail Estreated	454	3	389	1	397	2	145	6	118	..
Summarily Convicted	12,347	434	12,707	334	14,871	735	15,526	679	16,273	508
Committed for Trial or Sentence	9	1	5	1	6	3	5	..	5	1

4. PRISONS.

Table No. 25.

PRISONERS IN CONFINEMENT *a*, 1955-56.

Particulars.	Prison.								State Farm.			Total.		
	Brisbane.		Townsville.		Rockhampton.		Thursday Island.		Num-inbah.	Palen Creek.	Stone River.			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	M.	M.	M.	F.	P.
In Prison, 1st July, 1955	361	11	155	..	..	..	1	..	27	35	18	597	11	608
Received during Year—														
Direct	1,439	191	362	..	90	5	28	..	143	77	44	1,919	196	2,115
On Transfer	74	4	58	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	399	4	403
Total	1,513	195	420	..	93	5	28	..	143	77	44	2,318	200	2,518
Total Number of Prisoners through Prison during Year	1,874	206	575	..	93	5	29	..	170	112	62	2,915	211	3,126
Discharged during Year—														
On Transfer	220	..	53	..	53	4	2	..	40	27	4	399	4	403
Died	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3
Unconvicted	234	21	238	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	267	21	288
Expiry of Sentence or Ordinary Remission	821	127	264	..	21	1	21	..	89	34	12	1,262	128	1,390
Special Remission	..	14	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	60	60
Payment of Fine or Compliance with Order of Court	131	32	27	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	164	32	196
Bond	47	2	12	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	82	21
Other Means	29	5	16	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	50	55
Total	1,499	187	423	..	89	5	25	..	135	71	45	2,287	192	2,479
In Prison, 30th June, 1956—														
Convicted	357	18	145	..	1	..	4	..	35	41	17	600	18	618
Unconvicted	18	1	7	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	1	29
Total	375	19	152	..	4	..	4	..	35	41	17	628	19	647

a Prisoners confined more than once or in more than one prison during the year are counted two (or more) times in this table.

b Includes one prisoner who died unconvicted.

Table No. 26.

SENTENCES BEING SERVED BY CONVICTED PRISONERS *a*, 1955-56.

Offence for which Imprisoned.	Under 1 Week.																		Total.																	
	Under 1 Week.		1 Week and under 1 Month.		1 Month and under 6 Months.		6 Months and under 1 Year.		1 Year and under 2 Years.		2 Years and under 5 Years.		5 Years and under 10 Years.		10 Years and under 15 Years.		15 Years and under 20 Years.		20 Years and Over.		Penal Servitude for Life.		During Queen's Pleasure.		Habitual Criminal.		M.		F.		M.		F.			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	P.			
Offences against the Person—																																				
Murder .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Attempted murder .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Manslaughter .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Offences against females .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Incest .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Unnatural offences .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Assault .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other offences against the person .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Offences against Property—																																				
Burglary, housebreaking, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stealing from person with violence .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other stealing from person .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stealing and illegally using motor vehicles .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
False pretences and imposition .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Forgery .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other offences against property .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Offences against the Currency .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Offences against Good Order—																																				
Drunkenness	22	7	251	71	23	4			
Vagrancy (including begging)	3	44	14	352	48	38			
Other offences against good order	1	8	2	29	2	5			
Total	25	8	303	87	404	54	43			
Other Offences—																																				
Desertion of wives and children and affiliation			
Other offences			
Total	2	..	38	2	97	2	23			
Total All Offences	27	8	383	92	924	72	289	1	132	2	244	5	103	..	29	..	7	1	1	..	54	3	5	1	23	..	2,221	185	2,406							

a This table includes all convicted prisoners who were discharged or died during the year or were still in prison at the end of the year. Individuals are counted separately on each occasion on which they were imprisoned, excluding transfers between prisons. In the case of a prisoner committed for more than one offence, the offence and sentence shown here is the most serious.

Table No. 27.

AGES *a* OF CONVICTED PRISONERS *b*, 1955-56.

Offence for which Imprisoned.	PRISONS.																				Total.			
	Under 20 Years.		20 Years and under 25 Years.		25 Years and under 30 Years.		30 Years and under 35 Years.		35 Years and under 40 Years.		40 Years and under 45 Years.		45 Years and under 50 Years.		50 Years and under 55 Years.		55 Years and under 60 Years.		60 Years and under 65 Years.					
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.				
Offences against the Person—																								
Murder	3	..	4	..	7	..	5	1	7	1	6	..	7	..	4	..	8	2	3	..	59	4	63	
Attempted murder	..	..	4	..	12	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	10	1	11
Manslaughter	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Offences against females	3	..	13	..	9	..	14	..	10	..	7	..	9	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	73
Incest	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Unnatural offences	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
Assault	..	..	23	..	20	..	18	..	16	..	13	..	10	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	128
Other offences against the person	1	..	3	..	2	1	2	..	1	1	3	..	1	..	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	128
Total	..	..	49	..	46	1	42	1	49	2	44	..	41	2	24	1	20	3	8	..	14	..	351
Offences against Property—																							10	361
Burglary, housebreaking, &c.	33	..	42	..	38	..	44	..	21	..	17	..	6	..	4	..	2	208
Stealing from person with violence	3	..	15	..	10	1	4	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	208
Other stealing from person	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37
Stealing and illegally using motor vehicles	29	..	40	..	19	..	11	..	10	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Other stealing	40	3	72	3	68	1	41	1	33	3	31	1	19	..	13	..	6	115
False pretences and imposition	1	1	23	1	27	1	21	1	13	..	9	1	6	..	2	1	1	347
Forgery	1	104
Other offences against property	11	..	15	1	11	..	12	1	16	..	9	..	8	8	..	3	107
Total	209	5	176	3	133	3	98	4	71	2	40	..	42	1	25	..	10	..	5	926
Offences against the Currency
Offences against Good Order—																								
Drunkenness	296
Vagrancy (including begging)	10	..	5	1	8	2	14	9	37	11	15	3	43	5	32	2	41	12	45	15	36	5	378	
Other offences against good order	3	..	17	2	4	2	4	1	4	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	437
Total	43	10	24	13	52	13	55	10	83	13	97	3	119	15	118	16	80	9	94	42	..	778
Other Offences—																							149	927
Desertion of wives and children and affiliation	52
Other offences	38	..	12	1	13	..	16	..	9	..	3	114
Total	38	..	18	1	21	..	25	..	21	3	12	..	5	..	7	..	3	..	1	166
Total All Offences	339	15	264	18	248	17	227	16	219	18	190	5	190	17	170	19	101	9	114	42	..	2,221
																							2,406	

a Age at time of discharge or death, or at the end of the year for prisoners still in prison.*b* See note *a* to Table No. 26.

Table No. 28.

PREVIOUS OCCUPATIONS OF CONVICTED PRISONERS *a*, 1955-56.

Offence for which Imprisoned.	Rural, Fishing, and Hunting.		Profes- sional and Semi-Pro- fessional.		Adminis- trative.		Commer- cial and Clerical.		Protective, Personal, and Domestic Service.		Craftsmen		Operas- tives.		Labourers.		In- definite or Not Stated.		Not Gainfully Occupied.		Total.						
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	F.		
Offences against the Person—																											
Murder	18	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	1	5	..	7	..	18	..	2	..	3	3	59	4	63		
Attempted murder	21	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	5	..	..	..	1	10	1	11			
Manslaughter	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	13	..	29	..	6	..	..	..	..	18	..	18	
Offences against females	15	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	2	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	73	..	73		
Incest	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	5	..	7	..	..	..	2	..	19	..	19		
Unnatural offences	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	5	..	3	..	4	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	28	..	28		
Assault	16	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	8	..	29	..	13	..	46	..	8	..	..	..	128	..	128		
Other offences against the person	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	3	1	6	..	..	2	2	16	5	21			
Total	60	..	1	1	5	..	21	..	16	2	57	..	47	1	127	..	10	..	7	6	351	10	361				
Offences against Property—																											
Burglary, housebreaking, &c.	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	18	..	34	..	31	..	96	..	..	..	..	..	208	..	208	
Stealing from person with violence	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	6	..	2	..	19	..	..	..	1	36	..	37		
Other stealing from person	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	7	1	8		
Stealing and illegally using motor vehicles	13	..	4	..	..	..	..	7	..	5	..	12	..	20	..	54	..	..	..	..	..	115	..	115	
Other stealing	36	..	6	1	28	..	20	..	8	..	47	..	41	..	164	..	2	..	3	347	12	359		
False pretences and imposition	13	..	3	..	1	..	12	3	12	1	22	..	18	1	23	..	..	..	..	1	104	6	110		
Forgery	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	
Other offences against property	9	..	1	..	1	..	5	..	9	1	17	..	..	13	1	52	..	..	..	..	..	107	2	109	
Total	91	..	14	1	2	..	70	3	67	11	139	..	126	2	412	..	2	..	3	5	926	22	948				
Offences against the Currency	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Offences against Good Order—																											
Drunkenness	22	..	3	6	..	8	..	31	..	27	..	25	..	1	..	42	..	51	..	296	82	378	
Vagrancy (including begging)	17	1	1	3	..	..	..	20	1	24	38	50	..	35	1	273	..	1	1	16	17	437	62	499	
Other offences against good order	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	3	4	..	7	..	26	..	..	..	2	..	45	5	50	
Total	40	1	4	3	..	..	27	1	36	72	81	..	67	1	462	..	1	1	60	70	778	149	927		
Other Offences—																											
Desertion of wives and children and affiliation	5	..	2	..	1	..	3	4	1	2	1	12	..	8	..	23	1	..	52	114	4	52		
Other offences	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	32	..	59	..	50	..	..	..	1	2	166	4	170	
Total All Offences	12	..	2	..	1	..	7	1	2	1	32	..	59	..	299	4	1,051	..	13	1	71	83	2,221	185	2,406		

^a See note *a* to Table No. 26.